(*b*) No agent was employed. Ford vehicles were purchased from Messrs. Ford Motor Co. of India Ltd., through their local dealer Sri. R. S. A. Ramakrishna Chettiar and Austins from Messrs. Ashokh Motors Ltd., Madras, through the Directorate General of Industries and Supplies. No commission was paid, but the Department obtained a discount of 15 per cent on both the purchases.

(*c*) The Diesel Vehicles were purchased by inviting quotations. In the case of Ford Vehicles Messrs. Ford Motor Co: of India Ltd.' the manufacturers of these vehicles offered them at the rate and discount fixed by the Directorate General of Industries and Supplies at a time when the price of the vehicles was soaring up consequent on the announcement of enhanced customs duties.

ROADS

*1058. [65] **Sri. K. M. Chandy**: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how far the investigation to take under departmental maintenance the road from 10th mile Ponkunnam-Lalam road to Kanjiramattam-Elankulam road has progressed;

(*b*) whether the road has been taken under departmental maintenance; and

(*c*) if not, why this delay?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan)**:

(*a*) The investigation work has not been commenced.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The work will be taken up according to the approved programme of works to be taken under departmental maintenance.

PRESS NOTES

*1059 (66) **Sri. Kodanat Narayanan Namburipad.** Will the hon'ble Minister for Education, Labour and Civil Supplies be pleased to state:

(*a*) Whether the Government is now supplying the members of this Assembly with the Press Notes published by the Government from time to time?

(*b*) If not, why not?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan)**:

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Press Notes are meant for publication in the Press and are presumably available to all hon'ble Members through that channel. Besides the number of Press Notes issued is so large that it is not practicable to send copies to Members of Legislative Assembly.

PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY

*1060 (67) **Sri. C. V. Iyyu**: Will the hon'ble Minister for Education be pleased to state:

(*a*) The age, qualifications, period of Government Service of those who were applicants for the post of the professor of Chemistry in the Maharaja's College referred to as the previous notification in the notification No. R. II (2) 7747/50 published in Part I on page 75 in the Gazette dated 16th January 1951;

(*b*) the full names and addresses as well as birth place based on taluk war basis of those who applied and whose age was below 45 whose applications were received before 11th January 1951;

(*c*) the names, full addresses of those who applied on or before 11th January 1951 whose age was above 45;

(*d*) the names, full addresses etc. of applicants above 45 years of age after the 11th January 1951; and

(*e*) who was appointed to the post; his age, qualifications, caste, place of birth, previous pay, if any, in Government or other service?

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Minister for Education, Food and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

(*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) As the appointment of the Professor of Chemistry is not over, Government consider it not proper to reveal the details.

BASIC EDUCATION

*1061 (71) **Sri. N. V. Chacko:** Will the hon'ble Minister for Education be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are basic education training schools in the State;

(*b*) when the basic education training school at Cherp started actual training work:

(*c*) how many training classes there are in the Cherp Training School; and

(*d* how many years training course is necessary to complete the training of graduates and undergraduate teachers.

Minister for Education, Food and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Naryana Pillai):**

(*a*) There is one such training institution in the State.

(*b*) On 1st December 1950.

(*c*) One class.

(*d*) The present course is for 90 working days.

LABOUR DISPUTES

*1062 (72) **Sri. N. V. Chacko:** Will the hon'ble Minister for Labour be pleased to state:

Whether there are any pending labour disputes?

Minister for Education, Food and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

Yes.

ROADS IN VILAVANCODE AND KALKULAM TALUKS

*1063 (73) **Sri. A. Gabriel Nadar:** Will the hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:

Which are the unmetalled roads or portions of roads in Vilavancode and Kalkulam taluks on which bus traffic is allowed?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan):** (1) Kaliel Alenchola road—2 miles (Vilavancode taluk).

(2) Payanam road—1·37 miles (Vilavancode taluk)

(3) 8th mile Monday Market—Thiruvattar road (Kalkulam taluk)

(4) Tap road connecting M. M. Thiruvattar road and Marthandam Peechipara road—2·41 miles (Kalkulam taluk).

Questions posted for answer on 12-3-1951

EX-SERVICEMEN'S CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

*1064 (15) **Sri. Paul Thaliath:** Will the hon'ble Minister for Industries Excise and local Self-Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) Whether any loan from the S. P. W. R. Fund was given to a workshop conducted by an ex-servicemen's co-operative society at Kottayam;

(*b*) if so, whether the said co-operative society is still functioning;

(*c*) whether any complaint has been received about the unsatisfactory working of this society; and

(d) if so, the nature of the action taken?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan):** (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The District Collector, Kottayam, has been ordered to proceed against the Society for the realisation of the loan under the R. R. Act.

BANKING COMPANIES

*1065 (16) **Sri. Paul Thaliath:** Will the hon'ble Minister for Industries, Excise and Local Self Government be pleased to state:

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